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SUBJECT: GATT MANAGEMENT GROUP

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1. DURING SEPTEMBER 19 MEETING, EC AGREED TO ONE-YEAR TRIAL FOR GATT MANAGEMENT GROUP WITH LARGE EC ATTENDANCE AS INDICATED REFTEL (B). NO CHANGES APPARENT IN FUNDAMENTAL POSITIONS OTHER DELS FROM THOSE INDICATED REFTEL (A), AND THUS THERE REMAINS NO ACTIVE OPPOSITION WITHIN SEVEN PLUS SEVEN PLUS ONE TO CONCEPT OF ESTABLISHING GROUP. CRITICAL QUESTION OF MEMBERSHIP, HOWEVER, STILL NOT DECIDED.

2. DIRECTOR-GENERAL LONG SUMMARIZED RESULTS OF MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

A. CONCEPT OF TEMPORARY, TRIAL PERIOD WAS ACCEPTED;

B. GROUP WILL NOT ADOPT FORMAL DECISIONS;

C. GROUP WILL NOT TAKE OVER FUNCTIONS OF

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EXISTING BODIES. IT WILL BE SPELLED OUT

THAT THERE NO OVERLAP WITH TNC;

4. GROUP MIGHT MEET 3 OR 4 TIMES PER YEAR,
BUT THIS INDICATIVE ONLY;

E. LDC DESIRES TO HAVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION
"NOT FORGOTTEN".

3. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, SEVEN PLUS SEVEN PLUS ONE
WILL MEET AGAIN (4:00 P.M. GENEVA TIME) TO DISCUSS
MEMBERSHIP. PROSPECT FOR NOW SEEMS BE FOR
UNWIELDY NUMBERS.

4. SOCIALIST COUNTRIES (POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY),
ACCORDING PRIVATE DISCUSSION BETWEEN MISSION OFFICER AND
HUNGARIAN MISSION (FABIAN), WANT TWO SEATS. FABIAN SAID
"NON-GATT" EASTERN COUNTRIES AGREED NEW GROUP WOULD
HAVE TO HAVE TWO SEATS FOR GATT SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.
MISSION OFFICER VENTURED MATTER WAS NO CONCERN OF COUNTRIES
NOT IN GATT AND OBSERVED TWO SEATS FOR THREE SOCIALIST
COUNTRIES SEEMED DISPROPORTIONATE IN LIGHT OF CONDENSED
LDC MEMBERSHIP. FABIAN SAID SOCIALIST COUNTRIES PREFER
CONTINUATION OF EXISTING SEVEN PLUS SEVEN PLUS ONE ARRANGE-
MENT BUT NOT LIKELY OPPOSE NEW GROUP OUTRIGHT.

5. UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE BY TIME INDICATED
IN PARA 3 ABOVE, MISSION PLANS CONTINUE SUPPORT
ESTABLISHMENT GATT MANAGEMENT GROUP WITH
MEMBERSHIP OF MODEST, MANAGEABLE SIZE, BUT WITHOUT
GETTING OUT FRONT.
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